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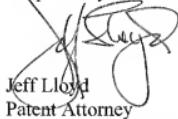
Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 18, 19, 21-23, 27, and 28 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 10 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 18, 19, 21-23, 27, and 28 will be before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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